

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given to the present application and for indicating that Claims 1, 2, 5, 13 and 15-20 are rejected, Claims 3, 4, 6-12 and 14 include allowable subject matter, and Claims 21 and 22 are allowed. After entry of the amendments herein, Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-10 and 13 have been amended, and Claims 2, 3, 6 and 14 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-13 and 15-22 are pending in the application. The basis for the amendment may be found through the specification and drawings of the original application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections and rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Amendments to the Claim:

In light of the Examiner's opinion, Claim 1 has been amended to include all features of Claims 2 and 3. Thus, the amended Claim 1 is allowable. Claims 10-12, 19 and 17 respectively depend directly or indirectly on an allowable Claim 1 and include further features. Therefore, the above Claims should be allowable.

In light of the Examiner's opinion, Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to include all features of Claim 1 and 2. Therefore, Claim 4 is allowable and the objection should be withdrawn.

In light of the Examiner's opinion, Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to include all features of Claims 1, 2 and 6. Thus, the amended Claim 5 is allowable. Claims 7 and 8 respectively depend directly or indirectly on an allowable Claim 5 and include further features. Therefore, the above Claims should be allowable.

In light of the Examiner's opinion, Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to

include all features of Claims 1, 2 and 5. Therefore, claim 9 is allowable and the objection should be withdrawn.

In light of the Examiner's opinion, Claim 13 has been amended to include all features of Claim 14. Thus, the amended Claim 13 is allowable. Claims 15, 16, 20 and 18 respectively depend directly or indirectly on an allowable Claim 13 and include further features. Therefore, the above Claims should be allowable.

Conclusions

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending Claims 1, 4-5, 7-13 and 15-22 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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